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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please, I do *Not* want AT&T to be the only choice available to me for internet and telephone landline. Already I am an escapee from AT&T.

I began with cable internet from a big company that no longer exists in San Francisco, and AT&T telephone landline service. As soon as I could, I switched to a small local provider (Sonic.net) for internet service, because they had a spectacular reputation for service and fair pricing.

After I had come to appreciate Sonic.net for internet service for several years, I also happily jettisoned AT&T for Sonic.net fusion telephone landline service.

I now have internet and landline telephone fusion service with Sonic.net, with fair pricing, and ideal personal service.

This is a huge deal for me, a 75-year-old handicapped senior citizen with such a limited income that at my age I still have to work four days a week just to pay San Francisco rent, utilities, and buy food for myself.

Please prevent the big companies from hiking prices for me and forcing my little local phone/internet company out of business. We need competitive broadband options. I need Sonic.net's fair pricing and excellent personal service.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

R. E. Thompson